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Location: 1.2 miles east of Hogles Creek School, 0.7 miles southwest of Valley View, approximately 4.2 miles southwest of Warsaw, Warsaw Vicinity, Benton County, Missouri.

USGS Warsaw West Quadrangle, Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 15.462230.4227560.

Present Owner: United States Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District.

Present Use: Vacant.

Significance: This is a good example of a cross-gable one-and-a-half story T-plan house. The centrally placed enclosed stair leading up from the small entrance hall is an unusual feature.

PART I. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

Condition of fabric: The exterior is in fair condition, but the interior is in very poor condition. The house has been uninhabited for several years.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: This two-story T-plan house has a three-bay front, 35' wide, by 32' deep.
2. Foundation: The concrete perimeter beam was placed directly on grade, with no basement.
3. Wall construction: Weatherboards originally painted white.
4. Structural system, framing: Balloon framing.
5. Porches: A wooden front porch has been removed. A large porch fills the east side of the rear wing.
6. Chimneys: Two interior brick stove chimneys flank the enclosing walls of the stairway. Each chimney served one upstairs and one

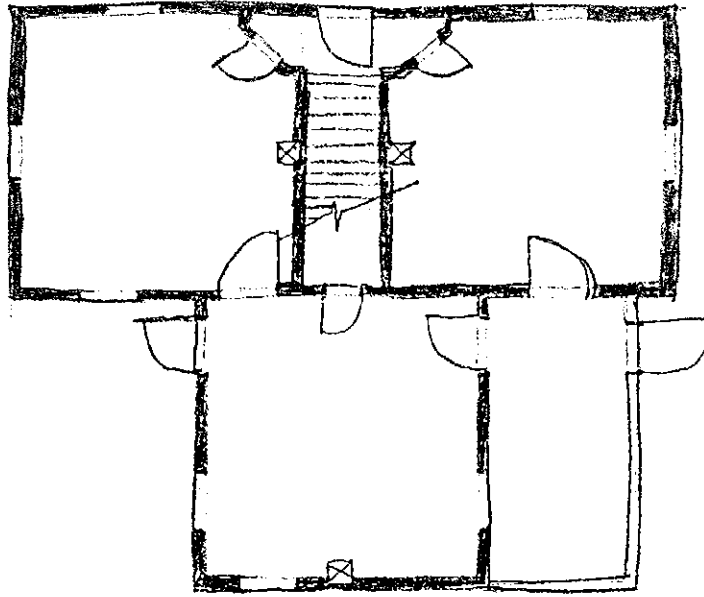
downstairs room. A third brick stove chimney is located in the center of the rear (south) wall of the rear wing.

7. Openings: The doors are missing. The windows have one-over-one-light double hung wood sashes.
8. Roof: The gable roof has a centrally placed cross gable on the front two-story section. There is a broken gable roof over the rear wing. Green asphalt shingles cover the entire roof.

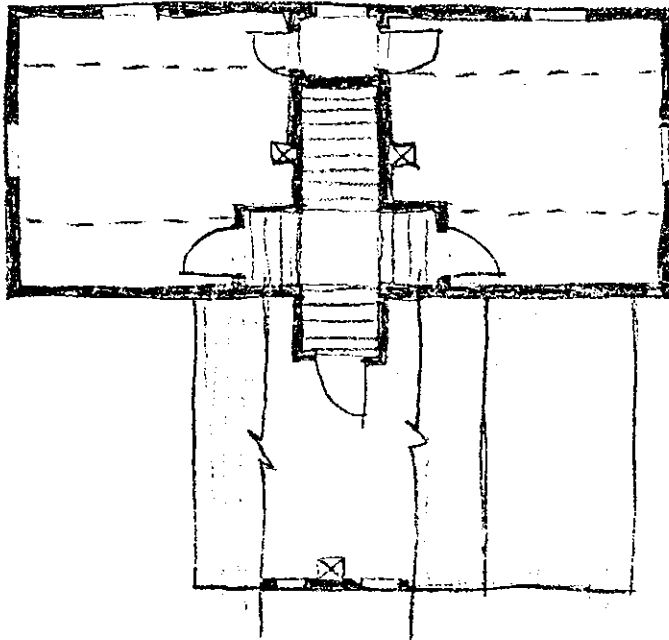
C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plans: The house is arranged in a T formation with two rooms at the front (north) in the head of the T, and one room at the rear (south) in the stem of the T.
 - a. First floor: On the first floor, the front door, in the center of the north elevation, gives access to a small stair hall. Doors to each of the two front rooms are set in walls at a 45° angle to the front wall of the house. The room in the rear wing was probably used as a kitchen. To the east of this rear room is a porch.
 - b. Second floor: Over the rear kitchen is an attic space, and over the two front rooms are the upstairs bedrooms. Over the vestibule on the first floor is a closet.
 2. Stairway: The central stairway, enclosed by side walls, starts in the small entrance hall just inside the front door. The stair runs the full depth of the front section of the house where it reaches a landing. Short flights continue in three directions from this landing into the three bedrooms.
 3. Flooring: Wood flooring, 4" wide.
 4. Wall and ceiling finish: Wallpaper on cheesecloth and newspaper over solid wood shiplap sheathing.
- D. Site: The house faces north, surrounded by trees in a small fenced yard, now overgrown.

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FIRST FLOOR LYNN HOUSE #1713



SECOND FLOOR LYNN HOUSE #1713

PART II. PROJECT INFORMATION

The Truman Reservoir Project was funded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District, in compliance with Executive Order 11593 as a mitigative effort in the construction of the Harry S Truman Dam and Reservoir, in the summer of 1977. William Brookover (Columbia University), supervisor; Michael Connor (University of Virginia), team foreman; Gary Baker (Catholic University), Edwin Daniel (Mississippi State), and Gary Statkus (University of Illinois), student architects; Paul Weed (Columbia University), architectural historian.

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Owner's name: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Occupant: Vacant

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Statement of significance:

The William F. Smith house is a good example of a $1\frac{1}{2}$ storey "T" plan house, a type common to the survey area. It has two unusual features: the gabled facade and the centrally placed stair and entrance vestibule.

A. PHYSICAL HISTORY

1. Date of erection: 1909 (Schockman)

3. Original and subsequent owners:

lot 9 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 3 Township 39 N Range 23 W

to Benjamin F. Linn 13 September 1875 (V:101); to Mrs. Mary Linn 17 August 1904 (92:530). Their daughter Arna in 1882 married William Smith.

4. Builder or contractor, suppliers:

The framework of the house is built of oak logs cut at Mr. Fowler's Sawmill on Hogles' Creek, just down the road. (Schockman)

5. Original plan:

The house is a $1\frac{1}{2}$ storey gable front "T", the stem of which is one storey with an attic. There is evidence of a front porch, though Mrs. Schockman claims there was none. The house was painted white with green trim.

Unusual for the survey area are the entrance vestibule and the plan of the centrally placed stairway which divides into three short runs at its head, each leading to one room. This stair is built of hickory wood.

Mrs. Schockman described the use of the rooms as follows: on the first floor, the room on the left of the

entrance was a "fancy" parlor which sometimes served as a guest bedroom; to the right was a living or "family" room, behind which was the kitchen/dining room. Upstairs, the East room was the parents' bedroom, the West room was the child's room, and the rear attic space was used for storage.

7. Historical events and persons:

The first improvement on this tract was made by Benjamin Linn, who came to Benton County from Michigan around 1868. He built a double log house which stood until destroyed by a tornado in 1915. William Smith, who had arrived from Albany, Kentucky in 1878, married Linn's daughter, Anna, in 1882 and built a log house about one eighth of a mile East of his father-in-law's house. Here, he established a general farm of eighty acres and in 1909 built the frame house under consideration.

Though very isolated today, the gravel county road which the house faces led directly to Warsaw until the recent collapse of Bailey's Bridge.

B. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

1. Primary and unpublished

B. Deed books V:101, 92:530 in the Registry of Deeds,
Benton County Courthouse, Warsaw

D. Interviews

Mrs. Jane Smith Schockman
Warsaw

24 August 1977

Daughter of the builder.

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